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NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CHARGE MET WITH GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES APRIL 4 IN
RESPONSE TO LATTER'S INVITATION TO COMPARE NOTES ON STATUS
OF VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID GOC IS VERY
DISAPPOINTED WITH LACK OF TURKISH CYPRIOT RESPONSE ON
TERRITORY AND BELIEVES THAT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL
DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FULFILLMENT OF COMMITMENT CONTAINED IN
MAKARIOS/DENKTASH FEBRUARY 12 GUIDELINES TO PROPOSE A TRUE
"FEDERAL" SOLUTION. HE ASKED THAT GOC FEELING OF DIS-
APPOINTMENT BE CONVEYED TO CONCERNED U.S. OFFICIALS IN
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2. IN RESPONSE, CHARGE DREW ON REFTTEL PARA 1, POINTS A THROUGH
D, NOTING THAT THIS WAS USG REACTION AS OF APRIL 2. CHARGE ALSO
EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT PUBLICITY OF PROPOSALS IS MOST
UNFORTUNATE AND WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS IN TALKS. CHRISTO-
PHIDES DENIED GOC HAD BEEN FIRST TO LEAK OR RELEASE

EITHER TERRITORIAL OR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL (THIS SUBJECT AND LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE REPORTED SEPTEL).

3. CHARGE SAID THAT IMPORTANT POINT IS NOW TO ENTER A STAGE OF GIVING DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS. PARTIES SHOULD HONOR COMMITMENTS TO SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS. CHRISTOPHIDES RESPONDED THAT GOC BELIEVES THAT TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE NOT LIVED UP TO THEIR COMMITMENTS AS SET FORTH IN MAKARIOS/DENKTASH FEB. 12 GUIDELINES. HE IMPLIED THAT IN ABSENCE OF MORE FORTHCOMING TURKISH CYPRIOT ACTION GOC WOULD FIND IT HARD TO CONTINUE WITH NEGOTIATIONS AFTER CURRENT VIENNA TALKS CONCLUDE. HE SAID THAT A MEANINGFUL TURK CYPRIOT RESPONSE ON TERRITORY WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE LATTER SAYING WHAT THEY WANT BY WAY OF TERRITORY IN ADDITION TO SAYING WHY GREEK CYPRIOT MAP IS UNACCEPTABLE IN ANY GIVEN DETAIL. AS CONSTI TUTIONAL PROPOSAL IS "WORSE THAN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS OF 1976," IT APPEARS THAT ANY HOPE FOR PROGRESS IS MISPLACED.

4. "TFSC FONMIN" CHELIK ASKED CHARGE TO CALL AFTERNOON OF APRIL 4. OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF CONVERSATION WAS TO DISCUSS CHELIK'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO U.S. (SEPTEL) BUT STATUS OF VIENNA TALKS QUICKLY AROSE. CHELIK STARTED THIS PART OF CONVERSATION WITH LONG TIRADE ON UNACCEPTABILITY OF GREEK CYPRIOT MAP. HE CITED PROBLEMS OF SECURITY AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY, BUT WAS MOST INCENSED THAT MAP "GOES BACK ON COMMITMENT TO BI-ZONALITY." TURK CYPRIOTS COULD NOT ACCEPT MAP AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIA-
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TIONS BECAUSE EVEN A SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION WOULD NOT BE SATISFACTORY. ON ONE HAND,MAP MAKES TURKISH CYPRIOT JOB EASY, HE SAID, BECAUSE INEQUITY IS SO BLATANT THAT IT TAKES NO EFFORT TO REFUTE ASSUMPTIONS ON WHICH MAP BASED. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PUBLICATION OF THE MAP WILL MAKE IT HARD FOR GREEK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES TO RETREAT AND THUS IT WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO EARLY PROGRESS IN TALKS.

5. THIS LED TO A DISCUSSION OF PRESS LEAKS OF PROPOSALS. CHELIK STOUTLY MAINTAINED THAT TURK CYPRIOTS DID NOT INFORM PRESS ABOUT MAP. ANATOLIAN NEW AGENCY AND SOME TURKISH NEWSPAPERS HAD INFORMATION ON MAP BEFORE "TFSC" OFFICIALS. CHARGE REPORTED THAT GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES HAD DENIED ANY GOC OFFICIAL HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE. (CHRISTOPHIDES HAD AGREED CHARGE COULD MAKE THIS STATEMENT.) CHELIK SAID HE BELIEVES ANDREAS CHRISTOPHIDES WAS THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK ON THE MAP AND ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS.

6. COMMENTING ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL, CHELIK EMPHASIZED TWO POINTS: (A) THE TWO COMMUNITIES WILL HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FOR SOME YEARS; (B) THE PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR A GROWING DEGREE OF INTERACTION BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

7. FINALLY, CHELIK REPORTED ONAN IS INSTRUCTED TO AGREE TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MID-MAY. ORIGINAL PLAN TO RECONVENE ON APRIL 20 IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK UP A DETAILED RESPONSE TO GREEK CYPRIOT MAP. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, "TFSC" IS NOT RENEGING ON COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINED NEGOTIATIONS. DILLERY

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